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4. [ ] In response to Representative Jack Westland's (R., Wash.) letter of 1 February to Mr. McCone concerning information about the Central Intelligence Agency, I provided Mr. Buchi J. Berentson, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Westland, with a draft proposed reply for the Congressman's use in responding to a constituent, together with a 22-page unclassified mimeograph concerning the Agency. No written response to the letter will be required.

5. [ ] Talked with William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who indicated that the joint meetings of Senate Armed Services and Defense Appropriations plan to wind up this week. He indicated, as a matter of information, that there was some discussion during the hearings of the proposal that the intelligence Chiefs of the three military services be removed from the USIB Board. This point may well come up at our next meeting with the Russell Subcommittee.

6. [ ] Talked with Representative L. Mendel Rivers — who indicated that he and Representative F. Edward Hebert would very much like to visit the area connected with a very special project. Rivers said that Hebert has developed a great deal of interest in this subject. I made no commitments on this but Mr. Rivers closed by saying that he would contact us some time in the future.

7. [ ] Talked with Jim Kendall, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee staff, in connection with the written request from Senator Stearns for updating on the subversive activities emanating from Cuba and directed at other Latin American countries. Kendall indicated that they are attempting to bring their Cuba inquiry up to date, hopefully issuing a final report and closing the matter out.

8. [ ] Talked with Jim Ray in the office of Representative George Mahon indicating that Mr. Mahon had expressed concern about the adverse publicity pertaining to CIA. I asked him for the general types of complaints they are getting and Ray indicated that they mainly dealt with the Henry Taylor column. I indicated to Ray that while I did not know if we could be of any assistance, we would look into the matter to see if there was any way we could furnish him with unclassified paragraphs which Mr. Mahon could use in responding to constituents.